

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

<b>(1) DEPARTMENT</b> Behavioral Health	<b>(2) MEETING DATE</b> 11/1/2016	<b>(3) CONTACT/PHONE</b> Darci Hafley 805-788-2156	
<b>(4) SUBJECT</b> Request to approve five FY 2016-17 renewal revenue contracts (Clerk's File) with Atascadero Unified School District, Lucia Mar Unified School District, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, San Luis Coastal Unified School District, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, and one new contract with San Miguel Joint Unified School District, with an option to renew for two additional years, in the collective amount not to exceed \$638,455, to provide mental health services in the school districts' special education classes. All Districts.			
<b>(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION</b> It is recommended that the Board approve five FY 2016-17 renewal revenue contracts with Atascadero Unified School District (AUSD), Lucia Mar Unified School District (LMUSD), Paso Robles Joint Unified School District (PRJUSD), San Luis Coastal Unified School District (SLCUSD), San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (SLOCOE) and one new contract with San Miguel Joint Unified School District (SMJUSD), with an option to renew for two additional years, in the collective amount not to exceed \$638,455, to provide mental health services in the school districts' special education classes.			
<b>(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b> School Contracts, Medi-Cal	<b>(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT</b> \$638,455.00	<b>(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT</b> \$638,455.00	<b>(9) BUDGETED?</b> Yes
<b>(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
<b>(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
<b>(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)</b> N/A		<b>(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED?</b> BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
<b>(14) LOCATION MAP</b> N/A	<b>(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT?</b> No	<b>(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>10/6/2015</u>	
<b>(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW</b> Morgan Torell			
<b>(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)</b> All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director  
Anne Robin, L.M.F.T., Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 11/1/2016

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## **DISCUSSION**

Under Federal law, special education students who require educationally related mental health services in order to benefit from their education are entitled to receive mental health services as part of their right to a free appropriate public education. Responsibility to ensure special education students receive these services is designated to local school districts.

For many years, San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health Department Therapists have worked alongside subcontracted Rehabilitation Specialists and school staff to address and coordinate services for each student as specified in the student's [Individualized Education Plan \(IEP\)](#). Through the contracts, the County will provide individual therapy and rehabilitation, group and family therapy, case management, consultation services, and crisis intervention. While AUSD, LMUSD, PRJUSD, SLCUSD, and SLOCOE have requested the County continue to provide mental health services for their special education students, SMJUSD is collaborating with the County for the first time. The table below illustrates the team's makeup for each school district:

<b><i>District</i></b>	<b><i>Mental Health Therapists (FTE)</i></b>	<b><i>Rehabilitation Specialists (FTE)</i></b>	<b><i>Classrooms Served</i></b>
<b><i>AUSD</i></b>	1.5	3	3
<b><i>LMUSD</i></b>	2	2	3
<b><i>PRJUSD</i></b>	1	2	2

<b>SLCUSD</b>	2	4	4
<b>SLOCOE</b>	3	0	1
<b>SMJUSD</b>	.5	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>

\*SLOCOE classrooms have a higher therapist to student ratio, and do not utilize subcontracted rehabilitation specialists.

The Department prefers to submit contracts as a single Board action and as result must wait until each district follows its own internal approval process, which can delay submission to the Board from the start of the fiscal year. In addition, many districts do not approve their school year budget and related contracts until the first school board meeting of the school year.

As specified in Exhibit C.4., the Option to Renew section of the contract, the contract may be extended for two one-year periods with the approval of the Health Agency Director. The Health Agency Director may also approve any changes pertaining to types of service(s), service level changes, or rate changes as specified in Exhibit D.22, the Delegation of Authority section of the contract.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget provides for costs associated with providing mental health services to children with an eligible IEP. When the County provides mental health services, all appropriate payor sources, such as Medi-Cal and other special education funding are submitted for reimbursement prior to invoicing the schools.

Each school district is prepared to provide reimbursement to the County for any unreimbursed costs in order to secure staff on each campus at all times. The maximum contract amounts are estimates based upon historical reimbursement rates to ensure that providing services to students at the schools is cost neutral to the County. In the event that reimbursement rates are lower than expected, or that the schools choose to utilize counseling staff to provide other services, schools pay a higher rate. In the cases where there are expanded services (AUSD) or new services (SMJUSD) and no historical reimbursement estimates exist, the contract maximum is set at a higher limit.

<b>District</b>	<b>FY 2015-16 Contract Amount</b>	<b>FY 2015-16 Actual Amount Billed</b>	<b>FY 2016-17 Maximum Contract Amount</b>
<b>AUSD</b>	\$34,732	\$34,732	\$111,522
<b>LMUSD</b>	\$54,195	\$25,702	\$54,195
<b>PRJUSD</b>	\$104,565	\$104,565	\$104,565
<b>SLCUSD</b>	\$90,959	\$90,959	\$90,959
<b>SLOCOE</b>	\$164,945	\$76,410	\$164,945
<b>SMJUSD</b>	New Contract FY 2016-17	New contract FY 2016-17	\$112,269
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$449,396</b>	<b>\$332,368</b>	<b>\$638,455</b>

## **RESULTS**

### **Outputs**

The chart below contains the actual numbers of students served in FY 2015-16 and the estimated numbers of students to be served in FY 2016-17. PRJUSD reduced the number of classrooms, while AUSD increased classrooms and SMJUSD added a new classroom. The optimal number of students served per classroom is no more than ten.

<i>School District</i>	<i>FY 2015-16 Estimate</i>	<i>FY 2015-16 Actuals</i>	<i>FY 2016-17 Estimate</i>
<b>AUSD</b>	20	24	30
<b>LMUSD</b>	30	22	30
<b>PRJUSD</b>	40	44	20
<b>SLCUSD</b>	40	44	40
<b>SLOCOE</b>	10	11	10
<b>SMJUSD</b>	New Contract For 2016-17	New Contract For 2016-17	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>140</b>

### **Outcomes**

The services provided by Behavioral Health facilitate the ability of special education students to meet their IEP goals, which are unique to each student and tracked and held confidential by the schools. The County added the following other outcomes to the contracts although they are not required by the schools. Outcomes are tracked as aggregate via electronic health record.

<i>Outcome</i>	<i>2015/16 Target</i>	<i>2015/16 Actual</i>	<i>2016/17 Target</i>
<b>% of Children will remain in current home environment</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>99%</b> <b>(144/145)</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>% of children avoiding inpatient hospitalization</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>99%</b> <b>(144/145)</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>% of Children will show an improvement in Behavioral and Emotional needs</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>85%</b> <b>(124/145)</b>	<b>80%</b>

The primary goal of the collaborative efforts is to help children remain in their homes and the community, while receiving the most appropriate education. The mental health services provided under these contracts with the school districts are part of a larger continuum of care that aims to improve the quality of life of those served. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. School District FY 2016-17 Contracts Clerk's Filed Coversheet